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1. Test drilling for uranium in and near Vasilevka (57-50 N, 125-25E) was started in 1947 and was still under way as of late 1950. At a depth of about 15 m uranium-bearing ore was found. The ore was cleaned of sand in a primitive ore washing plant and then was packed in bags and shipped by truck to Aldan (58-37N, 125-24E). From there allegedly it was shipped to Moscow by air (sic).

25X1 2. [REDACTED] five such primitive ore washing plants where the sand was washed from the ore. These washing plants were said to deliver about 12 to 15 tons of uranium-bearing ore per day at the end of 1950. Soviets stated that the ore also contained gold.

3. In 1948 all members of the NKVD (sic) guard unit were discharged and then employed as laborers for a period of ten years. At the same time, Ukrainians and former members of the Vlasov Army arrived to work in the mines. Large huts were erected to house these workers. It was impossible to estimate the number of workers employed.

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment: Originally this district was known only as an extension of the Lena gold fields. The presence of uranium ore in the area has been reported previously, but has never been confirmed.

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